

Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program – Joint Letter Request (\$10,000,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For non-defense projects in the current earmarking system, I work closely with local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and business development authorities to identify and prioritize projects important to local communities in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District (and sometimes elsewhere). I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This program will provide matching grants to promote the preservation of historically important Civil War battlegrounds. This program is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it encourages public and private sector investment in battlefield protection so we can save these important sites for future generations.